



U.S. ARMY SUSTAINMENT COMMAND

Colonel Dennis J. Butters Commander, 279th Army Field Support Brigade

Colonel Dennis Butters serves as commander of the 279th Army Field Support Brigade in Huntsville, Alabama, a position he has held since January 2015. COL Butters joined the Alabama National Guard in June 1984 as a Private with the 161st Medical Battalion. After serving eight years, he attended and received his commission from the Alabama Military Academy Officer Candidate School as a Second Lieutenant, 2 February 1992. Upon receiving his commission, COL Butters was assigned to the 731st Maintenance Battalion, Tallassee, Alabama. His 731st Maintenance Battalion assignments include the Material Management Officer, Intelligence Officer, Operations officer, Company Commander, Personnel Officer, and Support Operations Officer. He served within the 731st Maintenance Battalion for eight years.



COL Butters' consecutive officer assignments include the Plans and Operations Officer, Headquarters, Alabama State Area Command 2000-2001, Executive Officer, 151 Chemical Battalion 2001-2003, Deputy Director Field Services, 167th Theater Support Command 2003, Executive Officer, 200th Regiment 2004, Battalion Commander, 3rd Battalion, 200th Regiment 2004-2006, Chief, Military Support Branch, Joint Force Headquarters 2006-2009, Chief of Staff, 135th Expeditionary Sustainment Command 2009-2012, and Vice Chief of Staff/Public Affairs Officer, Joint Force Headquarters 2012-2015. COL Butters deployed as the Maintenance Supervisor and Platoon Sergeant of the 226th Area Support Group in support of Operation Desert Shield/Storm in 1990-1991. He deployed again as the Chief of Staff of the 135th Joint Sustainment Command in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) Afghanistan 2009-2010. In addition, he has been activated and deployed for most major Alabama National Guard Domestic Support of Civil Authorities (DSCA) operations since 1992, including hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, storms, and significant events.

COL Butters is a graduate of the Ordnance Officer Basic Course, Combined Logistics Officer Advance Course, Quartermaster, and Chemical Officer Advance Courses, Command and General Staff College, Support Operations Course, Joint Senior Leaders Course, Joint Logistics Course, Joint Senior Public Affairs Course, Advanced Joint Professional Military Education Course, and the US Army War College. He is a graduate of Faulkner University (AA/BS), Troy University (MS/MA), the Naval Postgraduate School (MA), and the US Army War College (MS).

COL Butters' awards include the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (with 1 Oak Leaf), Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal (with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters), Air Force Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal (with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters), Air Force Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters), National Defense Service Medal (with Bronze Star), Southwest Asia Service Medal (with 3 Bronze Stars), Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal (with bronze Star), Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with M Device and Silver Hour Glass), NCO Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Component Overseas Training Ribbon (with Numeral 4), NATO Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia), Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait), Distinguished Service Medal of Alabama, Alabama Commendation Medal, Operation Desert Storm Ribbon w/ Bronze Star, Veterans Service Medal, National Emergency Service Medal (with 9-11 Clasp), Special Service Medal, Alabama Faithful Service Ribbon (with 4 Saint Andrews Crosses), Alabama Active Duty Basic Training Medal, Expert Marksmanship Badge, First Class Grenadier Badge, Mechanics Badge, and Meritorious Unit Commendation (with Oak Leaf Cluster).



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